

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Senate bill 1378 was passed by the Senate on November 5, 1997. It was referred jointly to the Committee on House Oversight and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation extends the authorization for use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children through December 31, 2002. Authorization was initially approved on August 9, 1985, and extended in October of 1992. This authorization will expire at the end of this year.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation enables Members of Congress to mail a photo and description of missing children that are provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in their franked mail to raise public awareness in an effort to locate these children. Currently, Mr. Speaker, some 20 Members use this authority regularly to mail those types of materials.

There is, Mr. Speaker, understandably great national concern regarding the growing problem of missing children. It is indeed one of the greatest fears for parents throughout this Nation. Because of this concern, a Missing Children's Caucus was organized earlier this year in the House.

Mr. Speaker, the extension of authority of use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children is a very meritorious program, and would I urge our colleagues to support this legislation thereby extending the current program through the year 2002.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me join with my colleague the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH], the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, in urging the House to favorably consider Senate bill 1378. This is a very important and very needed reauthorization of a practice that has already been, as my colleague has mentioned, implemented by many Members here in the House.

The issue of missing children is something that is on the minds of parents throughout this Nation. And in my home city of Philadelphia, unfortunately, there have been several instances in which children have been missing for a long time. The Center for Missing and Exploited Children is a very important establishment, and this provision that allows both Members of the Senate and House to use frank mail in a way in which I am sure even those that have been the most enthusiastic

critics of frank mail for this purpose is something that we all would support.

Mr. Speaker, we do not have any further speakers on our side, so we would like to yield back the remainder of our time, assuming that the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] is the last speaker on his side.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am, indeed, the only speaker on our side. So let me very briefly, in closing, extend my deepest appreciation to the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH]. In these times of difficulty in the House and in the Senate, when we are working toward a close of the session, we far too often dwell upon those things that perhaps take us apart. And in this effort, we see something that, as the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH] has stated so eloquently, brings us together. And I thank my colleague for his efforts and for that side of the aisle very helpful assistance in bringing this bill to the floor.

I would urge all of our colleagues to support this very, very worthy program through this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1378.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 1378.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998; TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1507) to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998 to make certain technical corrections.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1507

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE CAPABILITY.—(1) Section 2302c(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting "of section 2303(a) of this title" after "paragraphs (1), (5) and (6)".

(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in the amend-

ment to section 2302c of title 10, United States Code, made by section 850(f)(3)(A) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to which the amendment made by paragraph (1) relates.

(b) COMMEMORATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN CONFLICT.—(1) Section 1083(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 is amended by striking out "\$100,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,000,000".

(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1998 to which such amendment relates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE] and the gentleman from California [Mr. DELLUMS] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE].

(Mr. SPENCE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This bill makes two technical corrections to H.R. 1119, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998. The first makes technical changes to a provision in the conference report involving electronic commerce. The change is not controversial and would simply restate references to title 10 of the United States Code more effectively by eliminating unnecessary ambiguity.

The second change would correct the ceiling on funding that has been authorized for the Secretary of Defense to begin the planning, coordination, and execution of a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean war. This original proposal was included in the President's budget request and in the House-passed bill. The conference outcome inadvertently placed an incorrect funding ceiling on this commemorative effort. The conference report currently limits expenditures to \$100,000. The bill before us would raise the cap to the correct level of \$1 million.

S. 1507 passed the Senate by unanimous consent last Sunday night, and I am not aware of any controversy.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill S. 1507, a bill to provide for technical corrections for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998. And I might say, Mr. Speaker, that I concur in the observations made by my distinguished colleague the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE].

This bill makes only two corrections to the authorization bill as passed in the House. One, it makes technical corrections to part B of the bill dealing with electronic commerce; and two, it corrects the amount available to the Army for support of the 50th anniversary of the Korean conflict from \$100,000 to \$1 million.